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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants submit herewith on Form PTO-1449 a list of patents of which they are aware and which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and to which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56. A copy of each reference is attached.

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